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Dear Dick,

Several weeks ago I caught a cold or something like it in the left shoulder in New Orleans. The time I spend with it and a heat pad has been my reading time. I finally got to your excellent 12/8 mailing of your 4th edition. There are several questions and suggestions. Also, I should like to borrow several of the pictures for study.

In your letter: have you a spare print of the clipboard or the rifle with scope removed? These are several of the items that bear or could bear very much on the frameup. Another is #349, especially if you can date it. I'd like to see that very much. Those of the "paper bag", ditto, for I have unpublished data of this. And on the third page of the letter, under "statements" p. c, there is other material bearing on this. I believe Ronnie Dugger is one of those who were told essentially this, including by King (who I understand is now chief). Penn may remember this better than I, but more than one reporter was so informed, and officially.

I note no Alyea footage as he ran toward the building. I believe this is the first footage he exposed.

Items 129 and 130: are you certain this is Decker? Al Chapman gave me copies of these pictures several months ago and told me they show Walthers. I take it these are the pictures Jim used recently, and they seem to be accepted as of Walthers. Relating to this are 246 and 277 and 278. First, if it is Walthers and it is he who is interviewed on the steps or near the TSB, then the contents of these interviews, coming five minutes after the discovery, could be very important. This could also be true if the interview is of Decker, whose subordinate Walthers was and to whom he could have reported what he found. Then, one of these sequences appears in Merin Gun's book. Its importance is that during Hoover's testimony (5E101), the FBI assured the Commission it would make a detailed study of this book, which, quite obviously, includes the picture in the book. I recall use of no such study in the hearings or its inclusion in the exhibits. Nor is any of this gone into during testimony. For example, not only does the Walthers deposition show he was not questioned about what he found, despite the Hedlich instruction to Liebeler that he do this (I gave this to Jim and he used it), but I got a newspaper to ask Walthers if he was asked such questions and his reply that he was not is on tape and I have it.

I am impressed to what you have added to my original discoveries. Impressed is hardly the word. It is terrific. If I can ever get on the air in Dallas, I really think I'll produce more for you.

Keep it up in the new year!

Sincerely,

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Dear Dick,

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter to Dave Lifton with regard to his 12/12/67 memo.

In today's mail I have a letter from someone who is familiar with the evidence and has the 26 volumes suggesting that the recently-printed pictures (post, life) and Thompson's commentary do not show Hargis but more likely show Haygood. I wonder if you have any opinion on this.

If you think it is possible, I think Gary Murr, whose recent correspondence I have sent you, would do a job of tracing the available evidence. If you think it should be done, please write him saying I have suggested it, and you and he will then be in touch with each other.

Then, please, keep me posted.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg